

Abex Corporation Site



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency · Region III · Superfund Fact Sheet · July 1998

Demolition Begins of 20 Houses on Abex Site



Demolition is underway of 20 Effingham Residential Area (ERA) houses on the Abex Superfund Site in Portsmouth, Virginia. This portion of the cleanup includes proper disposal of debris that will result from the

demolition. Last spring, the houses were examined for asbestos. Asbestos was found in half of the homes, and was removed.

Conti Environmental, Inc. (Conti), an experienced cleanup firm, is the prime contractor for the demolition.

Pre-Demolition Activities

Beginning July 20, Conti began installing an eight-foot high chain link fence around the perimeter of each of the two blocks surrounding the ERA houses (shown in Figure 1). Conti installed locked gates at the northeast corner of Henry and Green streets and on the west side of Green Street between Henry Street and Effingham Playground. Henry Street will be temporarily closed during the demolition and debris disposal operations.

Demolition Activities

Conti will begin the demolition at the block between Henry Street and Effingham Playground. All heavy equipment that Conti uses during the demolition will

Key Demolition Information

- ❖ Henry Street will be temporarily closed during the demolition and debris disposal operations.
- ❖ All demolition activity will take place between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Trucks hauling debris will use Green, Lincoln, Henry, and Effingham streets.
- ❖ Conti will take measures to keep dust from escaping the site.
- ❖ All demolition debris will be disposed of at USA Waste Landfill in Hampton, Virginia. ■

remain in the work areas until the project is complete. All demolition activity will take place between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The City of Portsmouth noise ordinance restricts hours that construction can take place within the city.

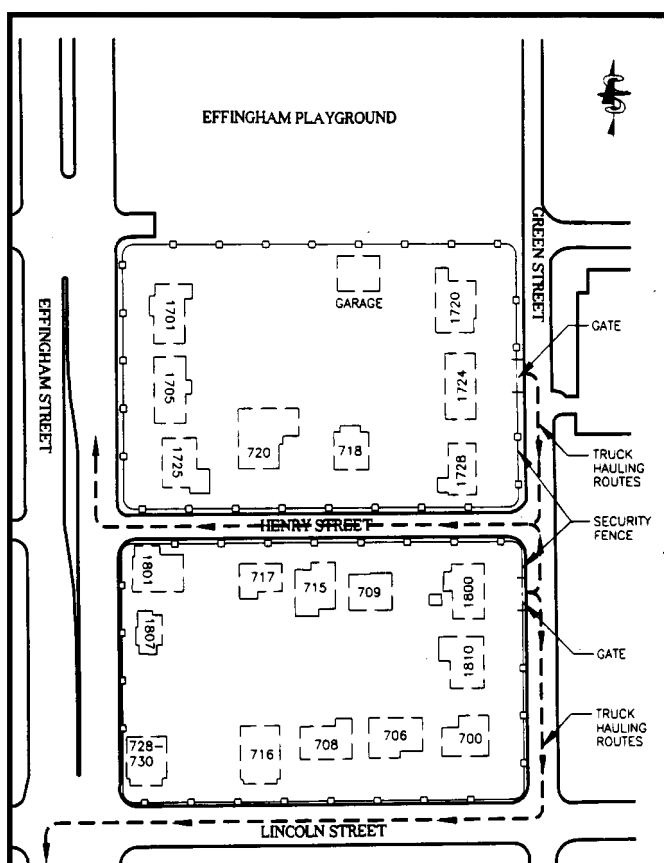
During the demolition activities, Conti will apply water to each house being torn down to keep any dust from escaping into the air. Spraying the houses with a water stream is the most common and most effective way to ensure that dust is not released into the air. The water used for this procedure will be pumped from a large water truck.

After the houses are demolished, Conti will load the debris into trucks for disposal. Loaded trucks will follow the haul routes as shown in Figure 1. The haul routes were chosen to minimize the impact of truck noise on the community. To protect public health and safety, trucks will not be allowed to leave the site if they have come in contact with contaminated materials until they have been properly cleaned.

Post Demolition Activities

After the demolition is complete, Conti will place a six-inch layer of clean soil over the ground surface enclosed by the footprint of each house to cover any lead-contaminated soil. Grass will be planted in the clean soil. ■

Figure 1—This summer, the demolition will be completed. Conti is building a fence along the perimeter of the site. The dotted lines on this map show the traffic patterns that the trucks and trailers will use to remove the debris from the site during the demolition phase.



New Remedial Project Manager Signs On with Abex



to ensure that the Abex community remains informed of site activities.

“I look forward to helping cleanup this site, and providing a cleaner neighborhood for the community,” said Sturgeon. ■

In June, Randy Sturgeon became the Remedial Project Manager (RPM) for the Abex Corporation Superfund Site. Randy replaces Dave Iacono, who recently moved over to the EPA RCRA office. Randy will work closely with Community Involvement Coordinator Lisa Brown

Visit EPA on the World Wide Web

EPA maintains a location on the World Wide Web that you can access through the Internet. The website houses information for all ten EPA regions. To access information about EPA Region III, follow these instructions:

- EPA's address is <http://www.epa.gov>.
- Click on the Offices, Labs and Regions menu item.
- Select Regions from the menu.
- Select Region 3 on the map or from the listing.
- Select Hazardous Site Cleanup from the jump bar.
- Click on the NPL List button from the menu.
- Click on the name of the Superfund site about which you wish to view information. ■

To Review Site Records...



up the site. You may review the Administrative Record at the following locations:

Portsmouth Library

Main Branch
601 Court Street
Portsmouth, VA 23704
(757) 303-8501
Contact: Susan Burton

Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

629 East Main Street, 4th Floor
Richmond, VA 23219
(757) 698-4208
Contact: Paul Kohler

Information about the Abex Site is available for review in the Administrative Record File, EPA's official collection of documents, data, reports and other information that supports EPA's decision on cleanup

For More Information...

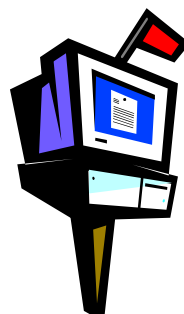
For more information about the Abex Corporation Superfund Site, please contact one of the following EPA representatives:

Randy Sturgeon (3HS23)

Remedial Project Manager
U.S. EPA, Region III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029
(215) 814-3227
sturgeon.randy@epamail.epa.gov

Lisa Brown (3HS43)

Community Involvement Coordinator
U.S. EPA, Region III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029
(800) 553-2509
(215) 814-5528
brown.lisa@epamail.epa.gov



Lisa Brown (3HS43)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

Official Government Business
Penalty for Private Use
\$300